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AND FOR MONITORING THYROXINE THERAPY

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Sir:

COMMUNICATION IN RESPONSE TO SEPTEMBER 13, 2001  
NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

This Communication is filed in response to a Notice to File Missing Parts of Application issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office on September 13, 2001 in connection with the above-identified application. A copy of the Notice is attached hereto as Exhibit A. The Notice provides a period of two months for filing a response. Accordingly, a response is due on November 13, 2001. Therefore this Communication is being timely filed.

The Notice indicates that the oath and declaration is unsigned. In response, applicants attach hereto as Exhibit B a Declaration and Power of Attorney pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d) and in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §163. The Declaration refers to the application's above-identified serial number and filing date.

The surcharge under 37 C.F.R. §1.16(e) for responding to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d) is

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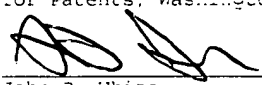
If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, applicants' undersigned attorneys invite the Examiner to telephone either of them at the number provided below.

No fee, other than the enclosed \$65.00 surcharge fee, is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Communication. If any additional fees are required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

Respectfully submitted,



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